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Dr. Godwin joined NASA in 1980 and served as a flight controller and payloads officer in Mission Control for several Shuttle flights prior to being selected as an astronaut candidate in 1985.

A veteran of four shuttle flights, Dr. Godwin has logged over 915 hours in space and has participated in spacewalks on both the Mir and International Space Station. She flew in space as a mission specialist on STS-37 which deployed the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory. She was assigned as payload commander on STS-59, an Earth science mission. She was a mission specialist on STS-76 in 1996 which docked to the Russian Space Station MIR and on STS-108 which carried a new crew and supplies to the International Space Station.

Dr. Godwin received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Physics from Southeast Missouri State University, and a Master of Science degree and a Doctorate in Physics from the University of Missouri.

Past assignments include serving as Acting Deputy Director, Flight Crew Operations Directorate, and Deputy Chief of the Astronaut Office. Dr. Godwin is currently serving as the Assistant to the Director for Exploration, Flight Crew Operations Directorate at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.